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REQUEST FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL STAGE  
OF A PCT APPLICATION  
UNDER 35 USC 371

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Sir:

This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 USC 371.

This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) for the national stage of the above-entitled international application.

The U.S. has been elected (Article 31).

This is a request for entering the national stage of International application PCT/US2005/004322, filed February 11, 2005, and entitled DESCENDING APPARATUS AND METHOD, of the following inventor, a United States citizen, having residence and post office address as follows:

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It should be noted that this is a change of address of the Applicant.

The international application was originally filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and claims priority of provisional application 60/543,505, filed February 11, 2004.

A copy of the international application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2)) is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).

The international application is in the English language.

The claims of the international application have not been amended and will not be amended.

The hereafter enclosed fees are at the small entity rate, and Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 CFR 1.27).

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

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1. The Declaration of the inventor (35 USC 371(c)(4))
2. Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address Indication Form
3. An Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (Form PTO/SB/08 - 4 sheets). The enclosed Preliminary Amendment contains an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 wherein the listed references are discussed.
4. A Preliminary Amendment

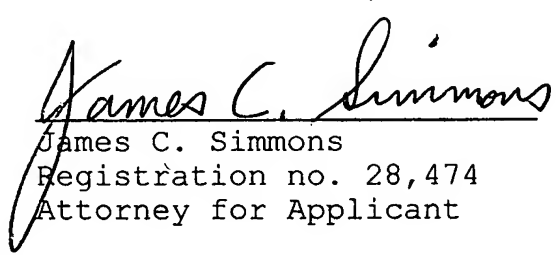
The enclosed filing fees (at the small entity rate) are determined as follows. This application does not contain multiple dependent claims or over 100 sheets of specification and drawings. This application (both as filed and after the Preliminary Amendment is entered) contains 20 total claims and 5 independent claims, resulting in an excess of 2 independent claims for which the fee (small entity rate) is \$200. Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an international searching authority; therefore, the search fee (37 CFR 1.492 (b)), small entity rate, is \$50. Thus, the filing fees (small entity rate) are:

Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))	\$150
Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c))	100
Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b))	50
Excess claims fee	<u>200</u>
Total filing fees	\$500

Applicant hereby claims small entity status (see 37 CFR 1.27).

Enclosed is a check for \$500.00 for the above filing fees.  
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Enclosures